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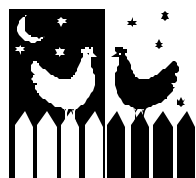
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were higher in the East, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, instances firm in the East, steady in all other areas. Post-holiday demand was mixed into all areas, best where fill-in was required, but in areas where cooler temperatures and rain storms were present, interest was light. Supplies were in balance on heavier sizes, close to tight for smaller weights. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair with some caution reported. All items were at least sufficient with wings in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/28/01-06/02/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	54.50-56.00	55.53	16	58.87	29
Chicago	50.00-55.00	54.03	46	56.28	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.24	24
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	62.50	13
Denver	67.50	67.47	17	66.91	24
Detroit	52.00-56.00	53.67	15	57.20	46
Los Angeles	68.00	65.67	67	63.39	156
New York	53.00-55.00	54.13	23	57.05	52
Philadelphia	52.00-54.00	52.70	10	53.28	23
Pittsburgh	52.00-53.00	52.60	10	58.32	56
St. Louis	53.25-53.50	52.56	21	54.66	42
San Francisco	68.50	67.48	29	67.88	65

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/28/01	Change/Last Wk	05/21/01	05/29/00
607	59.47	-0.10	59.57	56.33

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-62.00	61.54	41
Central	56.00-63.00	59.37	62
West	57.00-68.00	63.05	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	62.50-64.00	63.39	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
884	50.00-65.05	61.65

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	207.50	1,248
BREASTS - B/S	146.50	4,316
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00	1,537
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50	670
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	8,903
WINGS	99.50	2,951

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were generally unchanged from last Monday's final and TFEWR into Ohio. The whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional product were sufficient with buyers cautious. Retail and food service demand was irregular and spotty, slow to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to occasionally long with sizes desirable. Parts trading was limited to fair at best. Supplies were adequate with boneless/skinless breasts and wings in the longest position. The market tone was steady to weak on wings and about steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good over the holiday weekend, and mostly fair to moderate as dealers assess the market entering the week. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds remained in the closest balance and the heavier sizes were about adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate with best interest noted into refill needs. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available at times. Legs and leg quarters were generally sufficient. Wings were fully adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Regular commitments traded at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations mixed. Offerings overall adequate. Buying interest somewhat increased. Retail demand was moderate to good, best to cover planned feature activities. Dealers reported light to moderate weekend carryovers. Reported trading on parts: leg quarters bulk 29-32.5 bagged 4/10s mainly 32.5, breasts bone-in 80-90 boneless 135-146, boneless leg meat 89-91, wings 103-105. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 58.40 down .48 with the volume reported at 30 loads down 10 percent.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Post-holiday demand was generally light as industry observes market conditions and awaits further developments; also, adverse weather over the weekend added to sluggish movement. Supplies were in balance to close due to Saturday processing and part-time holiday schedules respectively. In the parts structure, all items were usually sufficient with no shortages noted. Trading was fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to at times heavy due to the extended weekend.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as moderate for fill-in needs. Offerings were adequate to tight and in the closer balance on the lighter weight sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, all items were adequate for the somewhat cautious buyer. Leg quarters were clearing well at most plants. Wings remained in heaviest supply, however volumes had moved into manageable levels. **ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 05/26/2001 WAS 12,097,807 @ 5.08 LBS.**

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	53-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.44
NO. OF BOXES	12,256
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was fairly good over the holiday weekend, but dealers were adopting a cautious and selective posture entering the week. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels ranged fair to moderate, and was best for refill orders. The market tone was no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		145-150	145.86	543,840
TENDERLOINS		135-140	144.41	138,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS		74-75	82.19	292,040
BREAST - LINE RUN		74	79.00	144,000
LEGS		41-42	45.24	285,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		29-30	30.32	618,238
DRUMSTICKS		36-37	43.68	194,600
THIGHS		36-37	44.61	116,610
B/S THIGHS		88-89	91.19	73,360
WINGS (WHOLE)		96-97	100.46	375,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.17	89,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30-35	39.45	78,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		40-45	44.72	118,440

NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,091	130.00-150.00	135-140	137.41
TENDERLOINS	203	135.00-235.00	135-145	167.02
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84	76.00-89.00	-	82.51
FRONT HALVES	320	76.00-78.00	76	76.00
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	177	23.00-27.00	25-27	25.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,260	27.00-28.00	28	27.91
WINGS (WHOLE)	94	83.00-103.00	-	87.19
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	
THIGHS	1,528	27.00-38.00	31-33	32.01

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/28	05/24	05/24	05/21	05/17
ALA	2,130	3,860	5.00	3,985	4.95
ARK	(A)	5,208	4.84	5,106	4.90
DELMARVA	(A)	2,383	5.07	2,344	5.11
LA-TENN	(A)	1,980	4.56	1,983	4.60
MISS	2,168	2,846	5.06	2,817	5.15
NC	804	2,601	5.93	2,602	6.05
TEXAS	2,365	2,387	4.79	2,362	4.80
TOTAL	9,401	21,265	5.03	21,199	5.07
MON	9,401(B)			21,199(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-May 2001 is estimated to be 14,065,000 down 55.79 percent from a week ago and up 24.7 a year ago. (Last week 31,811,000, last year 11,276,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	910	120.00-215.00	140-145	164.31
TENDERLOINS	182	145.00-235.00	145-150	158.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	74.00-84.00	-	82.60
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	166	40.00-49.00	40-43	41.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	816	25.00-28.00	26-28	27.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,110	27.00-30.00	29-30	29.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	292	85.00-100.50	-	97.02
WINGS (CUT)	593	98.00-114.00	-	110.61
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-97.00	-	96.13

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAY 28, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.50 - 55.50	52.34	53.39

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 28-MAY-2001 TO 01-JUN-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 152.00	130.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	74.00 - 88.00	76.00 - 81.00
LEGS	40.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 29.00
DRUMSTICKS	36.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	32.00 - 40.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	95.00 - 105.00	98.00 - 100.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-105
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102
	ICE PACK	94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-121
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	96
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

25-MAY-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.00	-	240,000	240,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

25-MAY-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-20.00	16.50-20.00	1,004,000	344,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.46	17.45		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	12.00-15.00	2,795,400	1,284,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.47	12.82		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH,

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

25-MAY-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

25-MAY-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00-16.50	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.17		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-18.00	11.00-16.00	2,244,000	816,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.67	13.28		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN,

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were only fair with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 28-MAY-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11	8-9	8.65

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly higher on less volume when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal to normal. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE

WEEK OF 28-MAY-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-10.5	8-9.75	8.75

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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